Amendments to the Claims

Please cancel claims 3, 20, 27 and 28 . Please amend claims 1, 5, 12-14, 16,18 and 21-25. The currently pending claims after amendment are listed below.

1   1.   (Currently Amended)   A method of upgrading a computer program installed on a first

2   computer system, the computer program including a script processing module, the method

3   comprising:

4   receiving ~~an~~ a plurality of upgrade ~~object~~ objects associated with the computer

5   program, ~~the~~ each said upgrade object including a respective script comprising a plurality

6   of script instructions of a pre-defined script instruction set adapted for use by the script

7   processing module to upgrade the computer program, the script being not independently

8   executable without the script processing module, ~~the~~ each said upgrade object being

9   generated on a second computer system remote from said first computer system and

10   transmitted from said second computer system to said first computer system, wherein each

11   said upgrade object contains a respective sequence number, wherein at least one said

12   upgrade object contains at least one respective prerequisite, and wherein not all said

13   upgrade objects have the same at least one respective prerequisite;

14   with respect to each said upgrade object containing at least one respective

15   prerequisite, automatically determining whether the at least one respective prerequisite has

16   been met; and

17   performing an upgrade of said computer program by compiling and executing ~~the~~

18   each said script on said first computer system with the script processing module, wherein,

19   with respect to each said upgrade object containing at least one respective prerequisite, the

20   respective script contained in the object is not compiled and executed until the respective at

21   least one prerequisite contained in the object has been met, and wherein the at least one

22   prerequisite allows at least one script to be executed out of sequence.

1   2.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising instructing the script

2   processing module to execute the script.

    3.   (Cancelled)

1   4.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising automatically reporting

2   from said first computer system to said second computer system that the script has been executed.

1   5.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the <u>plurality of</u> upgrade ~~object is~~

2   <u>objects are</u> transmitted from said first computer system to said second computer system by

3   electronic mail.

    6-11. (Cancelled)

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1   12.   (Currently Amended)   A method of upgrading a computer program installed on a first

2   computer system, the computer program including a script processor, the method comprising:

3   creating ~~an~~ a plurality of upgrade ~~object~~ objects associated with the computer

4   program on a second computer system remote from said first computer system, ~~the~~ each

5   said upgrade object including a respective script comprising a plurality of script

6   instructions of a pre-defined script instruction set adapted for use by the script processor to

7   upgrade the computer program, the script being not independently executable without the

8   script processor, wherein each said upgrade object contains a respective sequence number,

9   wherein at least one said upgrade object contains at least one respective prerequisite, and

10   wherein not all said upgrade objects have the same at least one respective prerequisite, each

11   prerequisite to be determined as being met by said script processor before compiling and

12   executing the script contained in the corresponding upgrade object;

13   transmitting the plurality of upgrade ~~object~~ objects from the second computer system

14   to the first computer system; and

15   instructing an end user to perform an upgrade of said computer program by compiling

16   and executing ~~the~~ each said script with the script processor, wherein, with respect to each

17   said upgrade object containing a least one respective prerequisite, the respective script

18   contained in the object is not compiled and executed until the respective at least one

19   prerequisite contained in the object has been met, and wherein the at least one prerequisite

20   allows at least one script to be executed out of sequence.

1   13.   (Currently Amended)   The method of claim 12, wherein ~~the~~ at least one said upgrade

2   object presents the end user with instructions to perform a task.

1   14.   (Currently Amended)   The method of claim 13, wherein ~~the~~ at least one said upgrade

2   object prompts the end user to indicate that the task has been performed.

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15.   (Cancelled)

1   16.   (Currently Amended)   A method of upgrading a computer program on a first computer

2   system, comprising:

3   (i) installing a computer program on the computer system, the computer program

4   including a script processing module;

5   (ii) receiving ~~an~~ a plurality of upgrade ~~object~~ objects associated with the computer

6   program, ~~the~~ each said upgrade object including a respective script comprising a plurality

7   of script instructions of a pre-defined script instruction set adapted for use by the script

8   processing module and a respective sequence number, at least one said upgrade object

9   containing a prerequisite field containing one or more prerequisites for executing the script,

10   wherein not all said upgrade objects have the same at least one respective prerequisite, ~~the~~

11   each said upgrade object being generated on a second computer system remote from said

12   first computer system and transmitted from said second computer system to said first

13   computer system; and

14   (iii) instructing the computer program to process ~~the~~ each said upgrade object, whereby

15   ~~the~~ each said upgrade object causes the computer system to:

16   if the upgrade objects contains one or more prerequisites, determine if the one or

17   more prerequisites have been met; and

18   ~~responsive to determining that the one or more prerequisites have been met,~~ instruct

19   the script processing module to execute the script if all prerequisites, to the extent there are

20   any, contained in the upgrade object have been met; and

21   report that the script has been executed,

22   wherein the at least one prerequisite allows at least one script to be executed out of

23   sequence.

17.   (Cancelled)

1   18.   (Currently Amended)   A method of installing a computer program into an instruction

2   processing environment on a first computer system, the instruction processing environment

3   including a script processing module, the method comprising:

4   receiving ~~an~~ a plurality of installation ~~object~~ objects associated with the computer

5   program, ~~the~~ each said installation object including a respective script comprising a

6   plurality of script instructions of a pre-defined script instruction set adapted for use by the

7   script processing module to install the computer program into the instruction processing

8   environment on said first computer system, the script being not independently executable

9   without the script processing module, ~~the~~ each said installation object being generated on a

10   second computer system remote from said first computer system and transmitted from said

11   second computer system to said first computer system, wherein each said installation object

12   contains a respective sequence number, wherein at least one said installation object

13   contains at least one respective prerequisite, and wherein not all said installation objects

14   have the same at least one respective prerequisite;

15   with respect to each said installation object containing at least one respective

16   prerequisite, automatically determining whether the at least one respective prerequisite has

17   been met; and

18   installing said computer program into said instruction processing environment by

19   compiling and executing ~~the~~ each said script with the script processing module, wherein,

20   with respect to each said installation object containing at least one respective prerequisite,

21   the respective script contained in the installation object is not compiled and executed until

22   the respective at least one prerequisite contained in the installation object has been met,

23   and wherein the at least one prerequisite allows at least one script to be executed out of

24   sequence.

19 - 20.   (Cancelled)

1   21.   (Currently Amended)   The method of claim 18, further comprising reporting that ~~the~~

2   ~~instruction set~~ at least one said script has been executed.

1   22.   (Currently Amended)   The method of claim 18, wherein ~~the~~ each said installation object is

2   transmitted from said first computer system to said second computer system by electronic mail.

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1   23.   (Currently Amended)   A method of installing a computer program into an instruction

2   processing environment on a first computer system, the instruction processing environment

3   including a script processing module, the method comprising:

4   creating ~~an~~ a plurality of installation ~~object~~ objects associated with the computer program

5   on a second computer system remote from said first computer system, ~~the~~ each said installation

6   object including a respective script comprising a plurality of script instructions of a pre-defined

7   script instruction set adapted for use by the script processing module to install the computer

8   program into the instruction processing environment on said first computer system, the script

9   being not independently executable without the script processing module, wherein each said

10   installation object contains a respective sequence number, wherein at least one said installation

11   object contains at least one respective prerequisite, and wherein not all said installation objects

12   have the same at least one respective prerequisite, each prerequisite to be determined as being met

13   by said script processing module before compiling and executing the script contained in the

14   corresponding installation object;

15   transmitting the plurality of installation ~~object~~ objects from the second computer system to

16   the first computer system; and

17   instructing an end user to install said computer program into said instruction processing

18   environment by compiling and executing ~~the~~ each said script with the script processing module,

19   wherein, with respect to each said installation object containing a least one respective

20   prerequisite, the respective script contained in the installation object is not compiled and executed

21   until the respective at least one prerequisite contained in the installation object has been met, and

22   wherein the at least one prerequisite allows at least one script to be executed out of sequence.

1   24.   (Currently Amended)   The method of claim 23, wherein ~~the~~ at least one said installation

2   object presents the end user with instructions to perform a task.

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1   25   (Currently Amended)   The method of claim 24, wherein ~~the~~ <u>at least one said</u> installation

2   object prompts the end user to indicate that the task has been performed.

1   26   (Previously Presented)   A method for upgrading a computer program on a computer

2   system, the computer program including a script processing module, the method comprising

3   configuring the computer system to perform the method of claim 1.

     27 - 28.   (Cancelled)